



*Sharing a World
of Knowledge*

**Southern Maine
Library District**

Annual Report

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Southern Maine Library District

The Maine Regional Library System was created in 1973 under Public Law 626. The purpose of the Regional System is to:

- Organize library resources and services for research, information and recreation
- Improve statewide library service
- Serve collectively the entire population of the state

The Southern Maine Library District, one of three Districts in the Maine Regional Library System, consists of member libraries in Cumberland and York Counties and the following towns in Oxford County: Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, and Lovell.

The population increased from 407,722 in 1990 to 460,089 in 2000 – the largest of the three Districts in the Maine Regional Library System. The Southern District is the smallest in geographic size with only 2,735 square miles compared to over 10,000 in the Central District and over 22,000 square miles in the Northeastern District.

The Portland Public Library serves as the Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern District and provides:

- Interlibrary loan of books and magazine articles not available at local libraries
- Information services for district libraries
- Free PPL borrower's card for eligible Cumberland, York and Oxford residents

Executive Board Members

Jan Bennett, Thomas Bennett (3), Janet Cowen, Casandra Fitzherbert,
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Linda Lord (2), Barbara Merritt, Mamie Anthoine Ney,
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(1) appointed 5/29/09 (2) ex officio (3) resigned November 2008

STAFF

Shirley Helfrich, District Consultant
Elaine Bissonnette, Administrative Assistant



SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Introduction

Major changes took place during the year not only in the Southern Maine Library District, but also in the Area Reference and Resource Center (Portland Public Library), and at the Maine State Library.

After serving as only the second District Consultant for the **Southern Maine Library District**, Shirley Helfrich announced her retirement effective July 31, 2009. She was responsible for initiating many projects and programs in partnership with regional system members and Maine organizations including the statewide purchasing cooperative SCOOP, Reading Round Up Conference of Children's and Young Adult Literature, the Literary Map of Maine, Library Makeovers, Friends of Maine Libraries, Trustee Forums, and numerous continuing education programs.

The **Portland Public Library** began a major renovation to make the building more energy efficient and to add space for teenagers, expand meeting rooms, and re-locate many collections and offices. Begun in April 2009, the work progressed even as the library remained open for all but two weeks as they moved most of the collections to an Annex, and youth services materials to the East End Branch on Munjoy Hill. It is anticipated that the work of Phase I will be completed in 2010.

Finally, the Maine Library Commission began exploring the mission of the **Maine State Library** as they started the process of searching for a new State Librarian. This work included the formation of committees to study the groups served by the State Library – libraries, state agencies, and citizens. In addition, a new group was formed to collaborate on statewide library planning -- the District Liaison Committee -- consisting of regional board members, district consultants, and the acting State Librarian.

Thanks to SMLD board members, Administrative Assistant Elaine Bissonnette, and the many volunteer librarians and trustees who helped on projects and planning during the year, a great deal was accomplished.

It was an exciting albeit stressful year which promises to result in wide-ranging new ideas.



District Goals

- I. Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries**
- II. Facilitate Professional Development**
- III. Encourage Resource Sharing and Regional Cooperation**
- IV. Foster Literacy**
- V. Improve Communication Among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups**
- VI. Foster Improved Library Service**

Goal I. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS, USE AND SUPPORT OF MAINE LIBRARIES

Two exhibits about library services were produced during the year. The “**Literary Map of Maine**” was featured in one of Portland Public Library’s entrance hall glass cases for several months. The display included copies of books and audiovisual titles that were included on the map. Many schools and libraries displayed copies of the Literary Map around the state as well. A second display was prepared for the **Anthem Health Fair** in April 2009 with a variety of library resources. Another display used a life-size cutout of MARVEL spokesperson and humorist Tim Sample to promote MARVEL resources in a campaign titled “**Where in the World is Tim Sample?**” The cut-out was loaned to southern Maine libraries together with other MARVEL promotional items; these resources provided an opportunity to introduce MARVEL to patrons at the circulation or reference desk.

Goal II. FACILITATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Copyright Workshop (*attendance 19*)

Conducted by Shelly Davis, Director of the Wellehan Library at St. Joseph’s College, this interactive session titled “So You Think You Know Copyright,” was held at the Warren Memorial Library on November 18, 2008. The workshop included original games designed to provide answers about fair use practices, copyright infringement issues, public domain, electronic materials, and copyright resources. A panel of librarians participated in the game shows, making the session both entertaining and informative.

District Council Meetings

Fall (*attendance: 197*)

“*Beyond Information to Transformation: Rethinking Library Services for the Future*,” October 3, 2008, Augusta Civic Center. Nationally-renowned speaker **Joan Frye Williams** spoke to members of all three districts at this joint council meeting. Her inspiring talk questioned many common current library practices and caused librarians to re-think procedures and policies for their “members,” a term Williams suggested to replace “patrons” or “customers.”

Spring (*attendance: 98*)

“IT Petting Zoo: A Technology Fair for Library Staff,” May 29, 2009, Keeley the Katerer, Portland. Keynote Speaker: **Janet McKenney**. Poster sessions were held on the following: Amazon.com’s Kindle -- **Mamie Anthoine Ney**; Cloudcomputing, Google calendar & Google docs -- **Peggy O’Kane**; Digital Talking Books -- **Chris Boynton**; Discount Sources ~ Greenpages, ACTEM, and TechSoup -- **Susie Strout**; Facebook -- **Janet McKenney**; Keeping Statistics – **Lyn Bivens**, St. Joseph’s College; Playaways -- **Barbara Merritt**; Wordle and Wikis -- **Suzanne Hamilton**.

Workshops held included: “Downloadable Audiobooks: An Overview” by **James Jackson Sanborn**, Executive Director, Infonet; “Technology: Putting it to Work (Skype, Twitter, YouTube, Tutorials, Digitizing, and All That Jazz)” by **Peggy O’Kane**, Maine State Library; “Swapping, Buying and Selling Online in a One Person Library” by **John Clark**, Hartland (ME) Public Library; and “Open Source Products: An Overview” by **Janet McKenney**, Maine State Library.

IT Staff Meetings (*attendance: 32*)

Begun last year for staff whose major responsibility is maintaining IT systems, the group continued with sessions held on the following dates below. The December meeting on content management systems was open to other library staff; speakers Holly Valero of HollyWorks in Gorham gave an overview of CMS followed by Dale Dormody of Piper Mountain Webs, LLC who spoke about his company's CMS for libraries.

- Curtis Memorial Library September 25, 2008
- Falmouth Memorial Library December 9, 2008
- McArthur Public Library, Biddeford March 24, 2009

Public Library Director Meetings (*attendance: 63*)

Local library directors share information and confer with colleagues in four meeting areas. At each meeting, the District Consultant provides information about regional and statewide plans, library legislation, grants, and continuing education.

- Chattering Cheeses New Gloucester Public Library July 24, 2008
- Talking Heads Rice Public Library, Kittery September, 15, 2008
- Loose Librarians Harrison Village Library October 17, 2008
- Yapping Yorkies Hollis Center Public Library October 30, 2008
- Chattering Cheeses Falmouth Memorial Library November 13, 2008
- Yapping Yorkies South Berwick Public Library January 22, 2009
- Talking Heads Dyer Library, Saco January 26, 2009
- Loose Librarians Bridgton Public Library February 6, 2009
- Chattering Cheeses Falmouth Memorial Library February 26, 2009
- Yapping Yorkies Steep Falls Library April 9, 2009
- Loose Librarians Naples Public Library April 24, 2009
- Chattering Cheeses Falmouth Memorial Library May 14, 2009 [*renamed Daring Directors*]

Reference Librarians (*attendance: 51*)

Quarterly meetings of reference librarians from public and academic libraries provided opportunities for sharing information about MARVEL! and other databases. In November the St. Joseph College library's new online method for keeping reference statistics was introduced. The February meeting focused on a review of reference and orientation "You Tube" sites and a new student orientation tool at the University of New England. The May meeting was conducted by Michelle Eberle of the National Library of Medicine who demonstrated their "Going Green" websites and services.

- Southern Maine Community College, South Portland July 28, 2008
- St. Joseph's College, Standish November 7, 2008
- Westbrook College, Portland February 27, 2009
- Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick May 15, 2009

School Librarian Meetings (*attendance: 47*)

Public library staff were also welcomed at these meetings:

- *Graphic Novels in the Library* Falmouth High School November 3, 2008
- *News from the state, regional, and national scene* Freeport High School January 12, 2009
- *Library Management Systems* Thornton Academy March 9, 2009
- *Bare Bones Reference for School Libraries* Windham Middle School May 4, 2009

Trustee Meetings (*attendance: 50*)

Two evening Trustee Forums were held in conjunction with the Maine Library Trustee Association and the other two library districts. The Freeport Community Library and the York Public Library were sites for two in a series of forums held throughout the state during May 2009. District Consultant Shirley Helfrich and MLTA President Steve Nichols led the trustees in lively discussions about board assessment, trustee recruitment and orientation. Kittery trustees presented information about their new advocacy committee and their successful campaign to preserve the library budget and staff from drastic cuts.

Jim Cossey, Bridgton Public Library trustee, continued to organize meetings for trustees in the Sebago Lakes area. A meeting held May 20, 2009 focused on disaster plans, financial reporting, policies, and library surveys. The district consultant presented information about regional and statewide issues at these meetings.

Weeding Workshops (*attendance: 14*)

Two workshops were held during the year – at the South Berwick Public Library on March 4, 2009 and at North Gorham Public Library on March 31, 2009. Each session included an overview of collection development policies and procedures followed by hands-on weeding and a discussion. Hundreds of books were weeded during these sessions – children's books in South Berwick, and picture books and YA nonfiction in North Gorham.

Goal III. ENCOURAGE RESOURCE SHARING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Expanding on the **Literary Map of Maine** published in the "Maine Sunday Telegram" in 2008, an online version of the map was developed in partnership with the Portland Press Herald. The online map includes the 50 titles listed on the print map and additional titles submitted by readers and publishers. This interactive map can be searched by title or author and includes brief quotes, annotations, and author birth and death dates. Readers can locate settings in the books on a Google map, thanks to its development by newspaper staff. The purpose of the map is to introduce readers to popular adult and juvenile titles with Maine settings. The listings, which include classics as well as current titles, were used by libraries and schools, and book discussion groups throughout the state. A **book blog** on the newspaper's website began in January 2009 with Elizabeth Strout's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Olive Kitteridge* and concluded with Gary Schmidt's *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*.

The district consultant and Harrison library director Dianne Jackson were taped for a special television show about the literary map for Lake Region television. Bill Wood of "**Read Around Maine**" also taped members of the Loose Librarians at the Bridgton Public Library on February 6 for the show, which airs on stations in the Lakes Region and includes programs about Maine authors and reading.

A highly-successful **Performer's Showcase** was held at the Freeport Community Library on September 17, 2008 for 43 librarians from throughout Maine. Each of the ten outstanding performers had 20 minutes to demonstrate and answer questions from the audience. The performers included singer Matt Loosigian, storyteller Meg Gilman, cartoonist Jake Parris, Mimist Karen Montanaro, singer/songwriter Sammie Haynes, insect collector Jim Nutting, the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, fiddler Ed Pearlman and his son, comedian Jackson Gilman, and magician Peter Boie.

Goal IV. FOSTER LITERACY

Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*attendance: 259*)

These monthly meetings at the Portland Public Library are attended by school and public librarians who review new books received for the **Maine Examination Collection**, and also discuss current children's services issues. Participants kept the books they reviewed for their library collections, which can amount to as many as 240 books annually. Volunteers processed the review books, a total of 2,498 books and audiovisuals from 64 publishers, compared to 2,618 items received from 72 publishers last year. Librarians reviewed 67% of the titles received compared to 73% last year.

Two SMLD libraries – McArthur Public Library in Biddeford and Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook were awarded grants to become **Family Place Libraries**. This national organization assists local public libraries with family literacy programs and facilities. Staff received training at the national headquarters in Long Island, New York, and will begin developing collections and programs during the coming years. Many SMLD librarians participated in a special training held at the Auburn Public Library in November 2008; each of the district offices received three Family Place **learning kits** which have proved popular for use with parents, day care providers and library staff.

Traveling Cream of the Crop Children's and YA Book Collection

Compiled by a volunteer committee of SMLD librarians for the annual **"Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference,"** a collection of outstanding new books was loaned to the following schools and libraries: Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library, Appleton (July); Morneault Memorial Library, Van Buren (August); Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle (September); Auburn School Department (October); Gardiner Regional Middle School (November); Gibbs Library, Washington (December); Saco Middle School (January); Bridgton Public Library (February); Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish (March); Bangor Public Library (April/May) and Lincolnville Central School (June).

Goal V. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AMONG LIBRARIES, LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER GROUPS

Orientation For New SMLD Members (*attendance: 6*)

The annual orientation for new librarians and trustees was held October 15, 2008, at the Portland Public Library. A new PowerPoint presentation was prepared to replace the outdated video about SMLD's history and services. Each participant received a packet of information about district policies and procedures. The session concluded with a tour of regional library service departments at the Portland Public Library, SMLD's Area Reference and Resource Center.

Newsletters

"News Notes," the District's quarterly print and online newsletter for member libraries, was published and mailed to member libraries in July and September 2008, and January and May 2009. These newsletters were also published on the SMLD web site. Each issue includes a calendar, and news concerning SMLD libraries and statewide library events.

New SMLD ListServ

Based on the successful NMLD listserv, a new listserv for SMLD was announced September 2, 2008 by board member Casandra Fitzherbert. With the help of staff at USM, the listserv was set up to provide information appropriate at the district level. Over 100 members are currently signed on.

Goal VI. FOSTER IMPROVED LIBRARY SERVICE

The Library Makeover program begun in the Southern District continued in cooperation with the other two regional districts. One SMLD library - Acton Public Library – was among the six that received Makeovers during the year. *See photos and text elsewhere in this report for more information about Makeovers.*

The 2009 **SMLD Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker of Tucker Library Interiors for their many years volunteering to help small Maine libraries with the Maine Library Makeover program. Beginning in 2004, they have contributed their talent and time to improving libraries throughout the state. This year they also contributed children's furniture for small rural libraries.

The **SMLD Professional collection** of books and audiovisual material on library administration, building design, and programming continued to circulate although new items are no longer being added. Most requests were covered by the Maine State Library's collection after a decision was made last year to downsize district collections. SMLD provided funds to the State Library this year to help offset the costs of materials at the state level. Circulation of the 608 items was 74 this year.



Maine Regional Library System Projects

The three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- worked together on the following projects and programs.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Maine State Library is required to submit an annual statistical report on Maine public libraries to the federal government. In the past Maine libraries could submit this information by mail or online. However this year all public libraries were required to submit statistics via the online form, due to MSL by April 1. Each of the three district offices as well as State Library staff spent many hours emailing and phoning libraries to provide assistance, especially to the 70 libraries that had never submitted the form online. In addition CMLD Consultant Stephanie Zurinski and Web Coordinator Ellen Wood conducted distance learning sessions covering each section of the federal report.

DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE

A new statewide committee consisting of district board members and Acting State Librarian Linda Lord was formed on November 17, 2008 with the following purposes developed at that meeting: 1) broaden communication among districts and library organizations; 2) cooperate on statewide needs analysis, evaluation and planning 3) submitting a plan to the Maine Library Commission; and 4) motivating libraries to political action. During frequent committee meetings, the group worked on combining district bylaws, and developed plans for a joint fall conference with the districts and the Maine Library Association. They also solicited testimony from representatives of statewide organizations about their needs and perceptions of Maine library organizations. The statements of the following organizations are included in the committee's report submitted to the Maine Library Commission at its June 2009 meeting: Maine Library Association, Maine Association of School Libraries, Friends of Maine Libraries, Maine Library Trustee Association, Minerva, Maine Infonet, Health Science Libraries and Information Centers, and University of Maine (Augusta) [library science program].

LIBRARY MAKEOVERS

Five libraries were selected for the Maine Library Makeover program during the 2009 season: Ellsworth (May 22), Southwest Harbor (May 22), Norway (June 12) Acton (June 24), and Bingham (July 10). A total of 14 libraries applied for the one-day makeovers which were offered to public libraries in towns under 7500 population and to libraries in schools with fewer than 200 students. In addition, Makeovers were held during the 2008 FY in Buckfield at the Zadoc Free Library (Aug. 15, 2008) and the Bailey Public Library in Winthrop (Aug. 8, 2008).

Projects for these libraries included redesigning spaces for two children's rooms, a teen room, two staff areas, and an overall plan for a small one room library.

Led by Tucker Library Interiors' Cori McGrath (an interior designer) and partner Richard Tucker, the Makeover teams included the regional district consultants, local library staff, and regional library system staff and trustees. Team members removed and/or re-arranged furniture, weeded collections, and discarded equipment to make the libraries more inviting and functional. Each library received a written report with recommendations for future purchases, and a \$200 stipend.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Members of the three district public relations committee met July 18, 2008 in order to set goals for the year. As a result, the individual committees completed several projects including **exhibits** at statewide conferences; **news releases** to Maine News Direct (a subscription service that sends text and photos to selected Maine media outlets); and new **spotlights** about selected Maine island libraries on the Maine Libraries website <http://www.maine.gov/libraries/>. The following island libraries were featured this year: 2008 – Northeast Harbor Library (July); Bass Harbor Library (September); Jesup Memorial Library, Bar Harbor (October); Somesville Library (November); and Monhegan (December) 2009 – Peak's Island Branch Library (March); and Long Island Library (April).

The SMLD Public Relations Committee reviewed and revised the **public relations resources** listed on the Maine State Library's website to include more bookmarks, posters, news releases and other information useful for local libraries.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS

New library directors were invited to a full day of presentations by state library staff at an orientation held at the Maine State Library on May 6, 2009. The orientation included opportunities to network with other new directors and a tour of the State Library. The 19 new directors who attended this year had been in their positions fewer than three years, and came from Biddeford, Searsmont, and other towns around Maine. For the first time, orientation and the directors' Institute were held in separate months to make it easier for new directors to attend both sessions.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' INSTITUTE

Curtis Memorial Library Director Elisabeth Doucette conducted a program on branding at the 13th Annual Public Library Directors' Institute held June 9, 2009. This year the program was held at a public library instead of at the Augusta Civic Center, thus giving attendees a chance to tour the recently renovated Auburn Public Library. Doucette, the author of *Creating Your Library Brand: Communicating Your Relevance and Value to Your Patrons* published by the American Library Association, described differences among public relations terms such as marketing, public relations and branding. She outlined the steps for her own library's recent branding campaign in Brunswick.

The Institute included district consultant reports about statewide library programs and a progress report about library statistics, a topic introduced at the 2008 Institute. Over 30 library directors attended the Institute.

READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Internationally – renowned author **Lois Lowry** was the keynote speaker at the 20th annual RRU held April 16, 2009 at the Augusta Civic Center. For the first time in many years, this conference did not fill up due to the slowing economy and the fact that many school librarians were unable to attend. However there were 336 librarians and speakers who participated in the ten workshop sessions. Continuing the tradition begun with the first conference, the "Cream of the Crop" collection of outstanding new children's and young adult books was on display and introduced during workshops. Another traditional highlight of this conference was the presentation of annual book awards by the Youth Services Section of the Maine Library Association. Peter Parnall was awarded the **Katahdin lifetime achievement award** and presentations were also made for the six Lupine award winners. Bright green cloth grocery bags with the RRU logo and the slogan "Reading Round Up Goes Green" were distributed to all participants to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this conference.

SCOOP PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

The Southern Maine Library District Office was responsible for coordinating the new contract for the statewide purchasing cooperative known as SCOOP. The cooperative, available for all Maine Regional Library System members, includes vendors dealing in library books, supplies, furniture and equipment. The new contract covers the period July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2012. Participating vendors were notified by mail about the new contract and for the first time, advertisements were placed in professional journals -- *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, and *Library Hotline* -- announcing the cooperative. A total of 17 vendors were accepted of the 24 who applied. Maine State Library staff Ellen Wood and Stephanie Zurinski adapted the vendor forms so that most were received online instead of via mail, thus reducing the amount of time and effort spent on converting documents for the SCOOP website <http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/districts/scoop.htm>. The SCOOP planning committee met on December 16, 2008 and March 26, 2009 and via email to resolve procedures and select vendors.



Area Reference and Resource Center

It has been an eventful year at Portland Public Library. We began the year with a loss of 10% of the PPL staff and reduced hours at the main library at Monument Square by 18% due to funding pressures. Additionally there were two major closures at Monument Square totaling one month due to reorganization and preparing for the start of the \$7.3 million renovation project.



*Artist rendering of new facade planned for the
Main Library at Monument Square*

The Library continued to nurture the PALS library program which facilitates borrowing and electronic access to any resident in Cumberland, York and parts of Oxford Counties through the issuance of PPL cards at 34 libraries (17 in Cumberland, 16 in York and 1 in Oxford).

During the two closures all ARRC support services were offered at full level thanks to on-line efficiencies and the statewide delivery system. In a time when the ARRC role is being assessed anew, total Interlibrary Loan Circulation increased 5% over last year. Circulation of audiovisual items was up 16%. Southern Maine libraries using PPL as the ARRC instead of MeCat, requested 16,397 items (1,000 more than in the previous year). 99% of those requests arrived via the on-line web forms. Portland Public filled 43% of these requests from its collection and requested the rest via OCLC, with 30% ultimately filled by out-of-state libraries. District libraries and PPL patrons received items from 47 states and the District of Columbia.

Finally, PPL Staff joins others to extend a fond farewell and our best wishes to Shirley Helfrich, SMLD consultant extraordinaire and our day to day colleague.



Southern Maine Library District

OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

TOTAL \$9,200.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 400.00	\$ 946.78 *
Cont. Educ./Staff Development	1,600.00	1,543.03
Contractual Services	0	0
Equipment/Software	300.00	151.13
Parking	540.00	540.00
Phone	300.00	139.12
Postage (1 st class & library rate)	1,100.00	835.63
Printing/Photocopying	700.00	396.07
Photocopier Rental	1,185.00	1,179.44
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)	75.00	0
Supplies	900.00	868.63
Travel	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>2,600.17</u>
Sub-total	\$9,200.00	\$9,200.00

BALANCE \$0

* This includes \$803.43 for professional collection books purchased at the
Maine State Library

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

September 12, 2008 – Westbrook College
 November 14, 2008 – Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook
 January 9, 2009 – University of Southern Maine, Portland
 March 13, 2009 – Maine Medical Center, Portland
 June 19, 2009 – Southern Maine Community College/McKernon Center
 (Annual Meeting)

Committees

SMLD COMMITTEES

Children's Book Review Hostesses: **Virginia Calvo**, Acton; **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Laurie Dunlap**, Frank Jewett School, West Buxton; **Brooke Faulkner**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Phyllis Fuchs**, Brunswick; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Shirley LaBranche**, Sanford; **Susan Levine**, Brunswick; **Kelley McDaniel**, King Middle School, Portland; **Bernadette Monette**, M.S.A.D. #55; **Mickie Riendeau**, Wells Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Cindy Schilling**, Wells Public Library; **Sybil Shiland**, Hollis Elementary School; **Virginia Stelk**, Peaks Island; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Annmarie Townsend**, South Berwick Public Library; **Maggie Wentworth**, Brunswick; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School, Sebago Lake

Cream of the Crop: **Mary Lou Boucouvals**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Brooke Faulkner**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library

Nominating: **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School; **Barbara Merritt** (Chair), Scarborough School Department; **Mamie Ney**, South Berwick Public Library

Public Relations: **Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Nicole Harkins and Kathy Kigin**, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland.

STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

District Liaison Committee

Pam Bonney, Treasurer CMLD Executive Board; **Anna Carr**, Vice-Chair NMLD Executive Board; **Janet Cowen**, Vice-Chair, SMLD Executive Board; **Shirley Helfrich**, SMLD Consultant; **Linda Lord**, Acting State Librarian; **Valerie Osborne**, NMLD Consultant; **Susan Preece**, Chair, CMLD Executive Board; **Marianne Thibodeau**, Chair NMLD Executive Board; **Susan Trent**, Chair SMLD Executive Board; **Stephanie Zurinski**, CMLD Consultant

Library Makeover Team Members

Jim Charette, Burbank Branch, Portland Public Library; **Karen Eger**, Springvale Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker**, Tucker Library Interiors; **Valerie Osborne**, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; **Stephanie Zurinski**, Central Maine Library District; **Annette Tanguay and Amber Tatnall**, York County Community College, Wells; **Susan Trent**, Scarborough Public Library Trustee; **Kathy Upton**, Cherryfield Public Library Trustee

Reading Round-Up

Jody Bachelder, Hall-Dale Middle/High School, Farmingdale (appointed May 2009); **Rita Bouchard**, Preti Flaherty, Portland; **Nancy Diamond**, Manchester/Readfield Elementary Schools; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District (ex officio); **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**, Freeport Middle School (appointed May 2009); **Wende Sairio**, Longfellow School, Brunswick (Chair); **Sarah Schultz-Nielsen**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; **Kate Wing**, Topsham Public Library

SCOOP Statewide Purchasing Committee

Donna Chale, Warsaw Middle School, Pittsfield; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Debbie Lozito**, Edythe Dyer Community Library, Hampden; **Mary Moore**, Freeport High School; **Valerie Osborne**, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; **Betsy Pohl**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; **Ann Rea**, Beal College, Bangor; **Joy Russo**, Kennebunk High School; **Melanie Taylor Coombs**, Farmington Public Library; **Julie Wilcox**, Portland Public Library; and **Stephanie Zurinski**, Central Maine Library District

SMLD Membership

[156: 69 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 30 special libraries]

Public Libraries

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lebanon Area Library, East Lebanon ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Portland Public Library* ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook** ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

School Libraries

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

Academic Libraries

Andover College, Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph's College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

Special Libraries

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mercy Hospital, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios, Portland ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Wells Reserve Coastal Resource Library ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital

* Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern Maine Library District

** Closed May 1, 2009

Library Spotlights

July 2008 – June 2009



Northeast Harbor Library
July 2008



Bass Harbor Memorial Library
September 2008



Jesup Memorial Library, Bar Harbor
October 2008



Somesville Library
November 2008



Monhegan Memorial Library
December 2008



Peaks Island Branch Library/Portland
Public Library – March 2009



Long Island Community Library
April 2009

Photo



Frogtown Puppeteers at the Performers' Showcase, Freeport Community Library
September 17, 2008



Weeding Workshop
North Gorham Public Library
March 31, 2009



Rickard Tucker and Cori McGrath,
Tucker Library Interiors, SMLD Certificate
of Appreciation, May 29, 2009



Trustee Meeting
Raymond Village Library
May 20, 2009



Content Management Systems Meeting
Holly Valero and Dale Dormody
Falmouth Memorial Library
December 9, 2008



Public Library Directors -- Chattering
Cheeses, Falmouth Memorial Library
February 26, 2009



Janet McKenney, SMLD Spring Council
Meeting, May 29, 2009

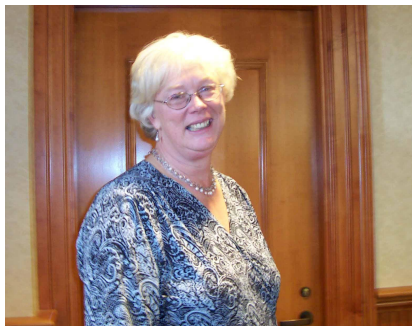


Portland Public Library
Renovation Project, Spring 2009



Anthem Fair Display, April 15, 2009

Highlights



Elisabeth Doucett, Keynote
Public Library Directors' Institute
Auburn Public Library
June 9, 2009



Public Library Directors' Institute, Auburn Public Library
June 9, 2009



Lupine and Katahdin Winners
Reading Round Up Conference
Augusta Civic Center



Lois Lowry, Keynote
Reading Round Up
April 16, 2009



Family Place Libraries Workshop
Auburn Public Library
November 6, 2008



Literary Map of Maine Workshop
Reading Round Up, Augusta Civic Center
April 16, 2009



Joan Frye Williams, Keynote
Joint Fall Council Meeting
Augusta Civic Center, Oct. 3, 2008



SMLD Copyright Workshop
Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook
November 18, 2008

Library

Bailey Public Library, Winthrop



Zadoc Long Free Library, Buckfield



Ellsworth Public Library



Makeovers

Southwest Harbor Public Library



Norway Memorial Library



Acton Public Library

